



Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

10/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

Black Hills National Forest

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Sarah Shoemaker 907-586-7886 sarahshoemaker@fs.fed.us
	Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions .				
Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land. EIS	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/08/2020 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2022	Expected: 06/2022	07/2022	Laura Conway 406-802-4317 laura.conway@usda.gov
	Description: Programmatic Supplemental EIS for the Nationwide Aerial Application of Fire Retardant on National Forest System Land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=60450				
	Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The direction in the SEIS will apply to use of aerially delivered fire retardant on all National Forest System land.				

R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

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R2 - Rocky Mountain Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)					
Powerline Authorization for Black Hills Power Corporation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2022	Expected:10/2022	10/2022	Robena Downie 307-358-4690 Robena.Downie@usda.gov
	Description: Special use authorization for existing 230-kV and 69-kV electrical powerlines, including Wyodak-Hot Springs and Tekla-Osage-Rapid City lines.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61935				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District, Douglas Ranger District and Thunder Basin National Grassland. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River, Weston. LEGAL - T46N R63W and others. Thunder Basin NG and Black Hills NF.				

Black Hills National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
RNA and BA Mineral Withdrawal EA	- Special area management - Minerals and Geology - Land ownership management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 lmconroy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposed withdrawal of research natural areas and botanical areas from mineral entry. Necessary part of RNA designation process. Forest Service recommendation to BLM, who makes the decision. Project not subject to the objection process.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45590				
	Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Lawrence, Pennington, Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. This proposal addresses four Research Natural Areas and seven Botanical Areas totaling about 17,000 acres at various locations in South Dakota and Wyoming.				
Rushmore Connector Trail Project EIS	- Recreation management - Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Louie Conroy 605-673-9207 lmconroy@fs.fed.us
	Description: The State of South Dakota has applied for a permit to construct, operate and maintain a 14-mile non-motorized trail across the Forest connecting the Mickelson Trail to Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. The decision would amend Forest Plan direction.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44935				
	Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The trail would connect the existing Mickelson Trail, running east from US Hwy 385 to the Mt. Rushmore Memorial.				

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Spruce Vegetation Management Project EA	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/22/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Jeffrey Underhill 605-673-9200 jeffrey.underhill@usda.gov
	Description: A forest-wide project to treat white spruce (Picea glauca)stands on up to 25,000 acres of National Forest System lands with the objective of increasing overall forest resiliency and reducing undesirable fire behavior.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61599				
	Location: UNIT - Black Hills National Forest All Units. STATE - South Dakota, Wyoming. COUNTY - Custer, Lawrence, Meade, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Black Hills National Forest.				

Black Hills National Forest	Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Bearlodge Isolated Parcels Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 07/26/2022	09/2022	Michael Gosse 307-283-1361 x3451 michael.gosse@usda.gov
	Description: Reduce hazardous fuels on isolated NFS parcels surrounded by privately owned land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61415				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 52-56 N., R. 63-65 W., 6th P.M. West side of Bear Lodge Mountains, Crook County, Wyoming.				
Black Buttes Fuel Reduction CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 elizabeth.krueger@usda.gov
	Description: Vegetation management to reduce hazardous fuels, including removal of commercial material.				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 50 N., R. 62 W., 6th P.M. South of Sundance, Wyoming.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Bearlodge Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Fish Fire Recovery CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/18/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 x3473 elizabeth.krueger@usd a.gov
	Description: Removal of trees at imminent risk of becoming infested with pine engraver beetles following the Fish fire of August 2022 and with potential to complicate future fire suppression efforts.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62707				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - Not Applicable. 8 miles south of Sundance, Wyoming.				
Moskee Burn Restoration CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/26/2022	Expected:12/2022	06/2023	Elizabeth Krueger 307-283-1361 elizabeth.krueger@usd a.gov
	Description: Thinning and removal of off-site planted pine trees and planting of local pine in the 1936 Moskee Burn area to improve growing conditions and wildlife habitat.				
	Web Link: https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62707				
	Location: UNIT - Bearlodge Ranger District. STATE - Wyoming. COUNTY - Crook. LEGAL - T. 49 and 50 N., R. 60 and 61 W., 6th P.M. 15 miles southeast of Sundance, Wyoming.				

Black Hills National Forest Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R2 - Rocky Mountain Region			
Christopher and Donna Stuber Road Access and Maintenance Request CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/08/2021	Expected:07/2022	08/2022	Edward Davis 605-673-9292 Edward.Davis2@usda.gov
	Description: Private land owners requesting motorized access to their property. Impacted area is less than five acres.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T2S, R6E, Section 7 BHM. Located within Custer County, South Dakota.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Hell Canyon Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
City of Custer Sewage Line Installation CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/25/2022	06/2022	Edward Davis 605-673-9292 Edward.Davis2@usda.gov
	Description: City of Custer, South Dakota requesting to install a force main pipeline for treated wastewater to replace an older system. The new pipeline will be eight inches in width and be buried six feet deep. The old existing line will remain buried in place.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. New pipeline will be installed along Custer County Road 341, Lower French Creek Road.				
Lithograph Land Exchange EA	- Land ownership management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2019	Expected:03/2020	05/2020	Meagan Buehler 605-673-9345 mkbuehler@fs.fed.us
	Description: Land Adjustment				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Southern Hills.				
Southern Black Hills Water System Supplemental EA EA	- Special use management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 10/07/2021	Expected:05/2022 Actual: 01/27/2012 01/27/2012	06/2022	Sara Erickson 605-673-9302 sara.erickson@usda.gov
	Description: The project is proposing to modify the original decision pertaining to the waterflow intake and water source as documented in the Decision Notice signed in 2012. The proposed action would allow for increased waterflow through the existing pipeline.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=32281				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer, Fall River. LEGAL - T6S, R4E, Sec 24; T6S, R5E, Sec 19, 20, 29. Southern Black Hills -.				
Under Canvas Sign Permit CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2020	Expected:04/2020	04/2020	Sara Erickson 605-673-9347 serickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Under Canvas has requested the posting of a direction sign on public lands to assist their customers in finding their way to the business.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57993				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - Not Applicable. North East of Custer just outside the Norbeck.				

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Virginia Mine CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Gary Haag 605-673-9199 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Pacer Corporation the operator of the Virginia Mine has submitted a proposed amendment to their existing Plan of Operations. The amendment proposes to expand the Virginia Mine by 1-acre.				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - BHM, T4S, R5E, SW 1/4, Section 7. The area of the proposed expansion is located approximately 1.4 miles northeast of Pringle, South Dakota.				
Western Dakota Camp Association Craft Hall Request CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/16/2022	Expected:06/2022	07/2022	Edward Davis 605-673-9292 Edward.Davis2@usda.gov
	Description: Western Dakota Camp Association has requested a special use authorization for the existing building used as their craft hall. This authorization would help get the structure into compliance.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57989				
	Location: UNIT - Hell Canyon Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Custer. LEGAL - SECTION 22, T03S R05E. Camp Bob Marshall.				

Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Cutty Sark Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Gary Haag 605-673-9314 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: The claimant proposes to do surface exploration using hand tools. They also propose to do sampling in the existing 120 ft. deep shaft. Exploration would be done using a winch attached to an ATV to lower a person into the shaft.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian; T2N; R4E; SE 1/4 Section 33. Access to the claim is via closed road FSR 231.1C which connects to the Mystic Road.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Jenny Gulch Exploration Drilling Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 07/08/2022	Expected:11/2022	12/2022	Jonathan Manning 605-673-9200 Jonathan.Manning2@usda.gov
	Description: This project includes diamond core drilling at up to 42 drill sites, access road maintenance (as needed), drill pad clearing (as needed), and reclamation activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57428				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Sections 19, 30, 31, T2N R5E and Sections 13, 14, 24, 25, T2N R4E. North of Silver City, SD.				
Soda Spar Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology - Special use management	Completed	Actual: 05/31/2022	06/2022	Jonathan Manning 605-673-9200 Jonathan.Manning2@usda.gov
	Description: Remove moss-covered boulders (landscaping material) from an existing waste dump on the claim located on National Forest System Lands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62069				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - SE of Section 22, T2S, R6E, Black Hills Meridian. 18 miles northeast of Custer, South Dakota and 5 miles southeast of Keystone, South Dakota.				
Theodore Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 07/05/2022	10/2022	Scott Albrecht 605-343-1567 scott.albrecht@usda.gov
	Description: Removal of non-native ponderosa pine trees from within the 1939 McVey fire area & planting native Black Hills ponderosa pine. The project also proposes vegetation management activities that would improve the vigor & health to adjacent stands.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61675				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - T01N R04E, Sections 1, 8, 9, 13-17, 20-26, 28, 29 and 34-36; T01N R05E, Sections 19, 30 and 31; T01S R04E, Section 1; T01S R05E, Sections 6 and 7; Black Hills Meridian; Pennington County, South Dakota. The Theodore Restoration Project is located approximately 7 miles Northwest of Hill City, SD.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Mystic Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Triple G/Rallo's Roost Placer Mining project CE	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Gary Haag 605-673-4853 ghaag@fs.fed.us
	Description: Prospecting in previously mined placer deposits. Most of the mining will be pick and shovel. There will be one piece of mechanized equipment; a battery powered recirculating sluice 4ft. long by 1 ft. wide. Sluice will be set in 100 gal. tank.				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Black Hills Meridian, T1N, R4E, Sections 21 & 22. Six miles west of Rapid City, South Dakota. Access is via State Highway 44 to Forest Service Road 167.				
Westside Vegetation Management EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/07/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2022	Expected:11/2022	06/2023	Jessica Eggers 605-343-1567 jessica.eggers@usda.gov
	Description: Project activities would address forest health and fuels management concerns in the project area. Potential treatment options include prescribed burning, commercial and noncommercial thinning, planting/seeding, and slash treatments.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61629				
	Location: UNIT - Mystic Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 140,000-acres on the west side of the Mystic RD southwest of Deerfield, and a small portion of the Hell Canyon RD south of W. Deerfield Road.				

Black Hills National Forest	Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Chimera Vegetation Management EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/10/2022	Expected:10/2022	01/2023	Christopher Stores 605-443-3081 chris.stores@usda.gov
	Description: Commercial and non-commercial harvest of pine to reduce fire hazard in WUI areas, increase forest resilience, create a mosaic of forest conditions, enhance hardwood and meadow areas, and move the project area toward management area objectives.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61689				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Chimera project area is located immediately east of Deadwood, SD, and south of Sturgis, SD in the northeastern corner of the Northern Hills Ranger District.				

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Black Hills National Forest	Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R2 - Rocky Mountain Region	
Golden Crest Exploration Drilling EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/02/2022 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 01/2023	Expected:03/2023	06/2023	Christopher Stores 605-443-3081 chris.stores@usda.gov
	Description: Solitario Zinc has submitted a plan of operations to conduct exploratory drilling at up to 25 sites south of Spearfish, SD from the Big Hill area south to the Limestone Plateau. No mining would occur under this proposal, only exploratory drilling.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62590				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of Spearfish, SD, west of Spearfish Canyon, and east of Iron Creek Lake. Sites are located from the Big Hill area south to the Limestone Plateau.				
HES 112 FLPMA Private Road Easement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Access to private property via a driveway across NFS land that has been used for decades, but was not included in the Travel Management Plan. The easement would allow for continued access and maintenance activities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62514				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Meade. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Adjacent to Vanocker Canyon Road, approximately 8 miles south of Sturgis, SD.				
HES 123 Easement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: HES 123 is surrounded by NFS land and qualifies for a road easement under ANILCA. Access to the property would be along NFSR 152.1C and overland to the property. The easement would allow for access and maintenance of the road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62515				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 13 miles southeast of Lead, SD.				

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Black Hills National Forest Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
MS 1558 Utility Installation and FLPMA Forest Road Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Landowners have requested road and utility access to private property across NFS land. Utility installation would occur within the right of way of existing road 170.7A, which would also be permitted for access to the property.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62518				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 4 miles southeast of Lead, SD.				
MS 1741 Lot H FLPMA Private Road Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Landowner of Lot H is unable to secure access to property across adjacent private and has requested access across NFS land, which would require construction of 150 ft. of new road. The subsequent permit would allow for access and maintenance.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62519				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 5 miles south of Lead, SD.				
MS 1744 FLPMA Road Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/12/2022	Expected:08/2022	08/2022	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Use and maintenance of NFSR 247 is needed for yearlong access to M.S. 1744. The landowners within M.S. 1744 have formed the Hideaway Oasis HOA. The FLPMA Forest Road SUP will be valid for 20 years.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62520				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 3 miles south of Lead, SD.				

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Black Hills National Forest Northern Hills Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R2 - Rocky Mountain Region					
Opal Timber Stand Improvement CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 09/02/2022	10/2022	Steve Kozel 605-642-4622 steven.kozel@usda.gov
	Description: Thinning of a dense stand of trees adjacent to private property to improve stand health, reduce fire hazard, and increase browse in big game winter range. Approximately 55 acres would be harvested.				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along the northern boundary of the NHRD, approximately 2 miles west of Spearfish, SD and 3 miles south of the Interstate 90 corridor.				
Pete Lien and Sons Nemo South Exploration Drilling CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/23/2022	Expected:10/2022	11/2022	Christopher Stores 605-443-3081 chris.stores@usda.gov
	Description: Pete Lien and Sons has submitted a plan of operations to conduct exploratory drilling south of Nemo, SD. Up to 32 holes would be drilled to search for iron-bearing materials. Each hole would be 3 inches in diameter and up to 200 ft. deep.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62237				
Rose Place FLPMA Private Road Permit CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management		Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: Rose Place accesses multiple parcels of private land across NFS land. Use has been occurring across NFS land without appropriate authorizations. A permit would be issued to authorize continued use and maintenance of the road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62521				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 4 miles southeast of Lead, SD.				

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SDN Fiber Optic Installation - Nemo Tower CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/17/2022	Expected:09/2022	10/2022	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: SDN is proposing to construct a communication facility, including a 120 foot monopole tower, on NFS land near Nemo, SD to provide wireless internet to rural areas. Underground fiber optic would also be installed to connect the tower to their system. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=61808				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Immediately southwest of Nemo, SD, on National Forest System land above the US Forest Service Nemo Work Center.				
SDN Fiber Optic Installation - Phase II CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/02/2022	Expected:11/2022	01/2023	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: SDN is expanding their fiber optic network to provide high speed internet service to rural areas. Phase II of the project would install fiber optic line and towers along Hwy 385 from Hill City to Lead. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62604				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence, Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Fiber optic line would be buried within the US Hwy 385 corridor. Six towers would be constructed NFS land along the corridor from Hill City to Lead.				
SDN Fiber Optic Installation - Rochford Tower CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/07/2022	Expected:08/2022	09/2022	Callie Ackerman-Jasper 605-443-3077 Callie.Ackerman-Jasper@usda.gov
	Description: SDN has proposed installation of a communications tower and associated fiber optic cable on NFS near Rochford, SD to provide internet service to under-served areas. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62343				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Pennington. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Immediately east of Rochford, SD, above the Rochford Fire Hall.				

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Strawberry Lake Dam Repair, Dredging, and Recreation Site Improvements CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Facility management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2022	Expected:11/2022	09/2023	Bonnie Jones 605-642-4622 bonnie.jones@usda.gov
	Description: Improvements to the Strawberry Lake recreation area to mitigate safety concerns and improve recreation access, including repairs to the existing dam, dredging of the lake, modifications to fishing piers, and reconstruction of the concrete walkway.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=62965				
	Location: UNIT - Northern Hills Ranger District. STATE - South Dakota. COUNTY - Lawrence. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Strawberry Lake recreation area, adjacent to US Highway 385, south of Deadwood, SD.				

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